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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION IN WHO

REF: (A) STATE 77909, (B) STATE 65086, (C) STATE 66738
AND (D) SEOUL 2500

1. AS INSTRUCTED IN STATE 77909 I MADE DEMARCHE ON
NORTH KOREAN QUESTION IN WHO THROUGH FONOFF SECGEN OWONO
ON APRIL 27. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAD SEEN
HIM ON PREVIOUS DAY TO MAKE SIMILAR PITCH. OWONO TOOK NOTE OF
HIS REQUEST BUT WAS NON- COMMITAL WHEN I SAW HIM .

2. FOLLOWING MY PRESENTATION OF ARGUMENTS SET FORTH STATE 65086,
OWONO STATED THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT U. S. DEMARCHE WAS IMMEDIATELY
BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF PRESIDENCY WHERE DECISION ON NORTH
KOREAN APPLICATION WOULD BE MADE. HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER
THAT IN SPIRIT OF TRYING TO FACILITATE RESOLUTION OF DIFFICULTIES
BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA GURC HAD RECOGNIZED NORTH
KOREA. THUS IT WOULD NOT BE IN LINE WITH GURC POLICY TO
TAKE A POSITION AGAINST NORTH KOREA ON AN ISSUE SUCH AS THIS.
WHO IS A HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION AND BROAD PARTI-
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CIPATION IN ITS ACTIVITIES IS IN THE GENERAL INTEREST. A US

AWARE GURC VOTED FOR GDR MEMBERSHIP IN WHO AND TO DO OTHERWISE IN CASE OF NORTH KOREA WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH LINE THAT GURC HAS BEEN TAKING.

3. I STRESSED THAT WHILE WHO WAS A HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION THERE COULD BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT NORTH KOREA VIEWED ITS MEMBERSHIP IN HIGHLY POLITICAL TERMS. I ALSO STRESSED THAT GDR CASE WAS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IN THAT KOREAN QUESTION IS ONE BEING DEALT WITH WITHIN UNGA AND THAT THAT WAS PROPER BODY TO DEAL WITH GENERAL ISSUE OF NORTH KOREA MEMBERSHIP IN UN BODIES. ARGUMENT THAT SEEMED TO MAKE MOST FAVORABLE IMPACT ON OWONO WAS THAT TWO KOREAS HAD BEGUN DISCUSSIONS TO TRY TO RESOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES, THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS HAD NOT BEEN BROKEN OFF BUT WERE STILL CONTINUING AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNFORTUNATE, AND NOT AT ALL IN LINE OF EITHER CAMEROON OR U. S. DESIRES, FOR ANY ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN THAT MIGHT " ROCK THE BOAT."

4. COMMENT. BEST WE CAN HOPE TO OBTAIN IS A GURC ABSTENTION BUT IN LIGHT ACTION ON GDR APPLICATION AND PRESIDENT AHIDJO' S VISIT TO CHINA, I DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN EXPECT GURC TO TAKE ACTION THAT WOULD APPEAR TO REFLECT A HARDENING OF ITS ATTITUDE VIS A VIS NORTH KOREA.
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